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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2001 were estimated at 860,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service in Baton Rouge. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 530,000, down 5 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2000 **calf crop** was estimated at 415,000 head, down 5 percent from the 1999 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 473,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2000, while **milk cows** at 57,000 head, were down 7 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and their change from a year ago were as follows: **beef cow replacement heifers** - 79,000 head, down 2 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers** - 12,000 head, down 8 percent; **other heifers** - 16,000 head, down 6 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** - 21,000 head, down 5 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** - 32,000 head, unchanged; and **calves under 500 pounds** - 170,000 head, down 6 percent.

The **number of farm operations with cattle** during 2000 was estimated at 15,500, unchanged from 1999. Included in this total were 660 milk cow operations and 13,200 beef cow operations.

CATTLE INVENTORY - JANUARY 1

ITEM	LOUISIANA		UNITED STATES	
	2000 ^{1/}	2001	2000 ^{1/}	2001
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	900	860	98,198	97,309
Beef Cows	494	473	33,569	33,400
Milk Cows	61	57	9,190	9,203
Beef Cow Replacements, Heifers	81	79	5,503	5,588
Milk Cow Replacements, Heifers	13	12	4,000	4,047
Other Heifers	17	16	10,147	10,140
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	22	21	16,682	16,438
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	32	2,293	2,272
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	180	170	16,815	16,221
Cattle on Feed	---	---	14,003	14,199
	1999	2000	1999	2000
Calf Crop	435	415	38,796	38,621

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